

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING
February 16, 2006**

Call to Order

Marcy Echternacht, President, called the meeting of the Nebraska Board of Nursing to order at 8:30 a.m. on February 16, 2006, at the Southeast Community College Continuing Education Center, Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were sent to Board members, news media and other interested persons, and posted.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Marcy Echternacht, RN, President
Mary Megel, RN, Vice-President
Jacqueline Ross, RN, Secretary (arrived at 8:45 a.m.)
Mary Bunger, RN
Joyce Bunger, public member
Deanna Lloyd, LPN
Julie Brauer, RN
Crystal Higgins, RN

The following members were absent:

Dawn Nickel, LPN
Nancy Gondringer, RN
Sandra Mann, Public member

A quorum of the Board was present and the meeting convened. Also present from the Credentialing Division was Charlene Kelly, RN, Executive Director; Sheila Exstrom, RN, Nursing Education Consultant; and Ruth Schuldt, RN, Compliance Monitor. Present from the Investigations Division was Peggy Persell, RN. and Michael Grutsch. Present from the Attorney General's office were Terri Nutzman Assistant Attorney General.

Review of Agenda

The board reviewed the agenda.

1. Bunger made the motion seconded by Lloyd **that the board adopt the agenda as printed.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, Lloyd, Higgins and Brauer.
Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Ross, Gondringer, Mann and Nickel. Motion carried.

Review of the Consent Agenda

The board reviewed the consent agenda. No items were deleted.

2. J. Bunger made the motion seconded by Brauer **that the board adopt the consent agenda and approve the following:**

C.1. January 18-19, 2006 Board of Nursing meeting minutes

Voting Aye: M Bunger, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, Lloyd, Higgins and Brauer. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Ross, Gondringer, Mann and Nickel. Motion carried.

8:40 a.m.

3. M. Bunger made the motion seconded by Lloyd **that the board go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing investigation reports.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, Lloyd, Higgins and Brauer. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Ross, Gondringer, Mann and Nickel. Motion carried.

8:45 a.m. Ross arrived

8:50 a.m. Marletta Stark, RN, Investigator arrived

9:45 a.m. The meeting recessed. Persell and Fitts left the meeting.

9:55 a.m. The meeting reconvened.

10:20 a.m. Karen Bowen, RN, Nursing Practice Consultant arrived.

10:55 a.m. The meeting recessed. Stark, Schuldt and Grutsch left the meeting.

11:15 a.m. The meeting reconvened.

11:45 a.m. The board came out of closed session and recessed.

12:00 p.m. The meeting reconvened over lunch.

Licensure Recommendations

Based on discussion in closed session the following motions were made:

Devin Watts

4. Lloyd made the motion seconded by J. Bunger **that the board grant Devin Watts an unencumbered LPN license.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, Lloyd, Higgins, Ross and Brauer.

Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Gondringer, Mann and Nickel. Motion carried.

Erika Brunner

5. Megel made the motion seconded by Higgins **that the board grant Erick Brunner an unencumbered LPN license.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, Lloyd, Higgins, Ross and Brauer.

Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Gondringer, Mann and Nickel. Motion carried.

Emily Leader

6. M. Bunger made the motion seconded by Lloyd **that the board issue a probationary LPN license to Emily Leader upon successful completion of the NCLEX-PN®. The probation will remain in effect for five years. Terms of probation include: abstain from alcohol, abstain from controlled substances, submit verification from treating practitioner of all prescription medications, report all prescription medications taken, submit to random body fluid screens, comply with treatment recommendations, advise the department of any professional counseling and submit reports, participate in three NA, AA, or other support group meetings per week, practice nursing a minimum of 130 hours per quarter, obtain a sponsor and all of the usual terms and conditions.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, Lloyd, Higgins, Ross and Brauer.

Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Gondringer, Mann and Nickel. Motion carried.

Melissa Beerenstrauch

7. J. Bunger made the motion seconded by Brauer **that the board grant Melissa Beerenstrauch an unencumbered RN license.**

Voting Aye: M Bunger, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, Lloyd, Higgins, Ross and Brauer.

Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Gondringer, Mann and Nickel. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2006 in Lincoln.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacqueline Ross". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jacqueline Ross, Secretary